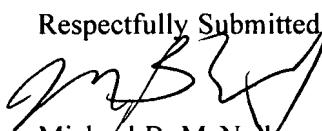


claimed nor what the office action asserts, Applicants respectfully request that either the outstanding §102(b) rejections be withdrawn or be made final so that this application may proceed to appeal.

Claims 15-22 and 28-35 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) over Sims et al. in view of Irokawa et al. Claims 13-22 and 27-35 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) over Irokawa et al. in view of Sims et al. Again, since neither of the cited references teach the subject matter asserted in the office action, and when combined they would not meet all of the limitations of Applicants' claims, Applicants respectfully request that these rejections be withdrawn. Applicants again respectfully remind the Examiner that a proper rejection as per the MPEP and relevant case law must be based upon actual disclosure rather than subject matter that originates from the Examiner and is incorrectly projected onto Figures shown in the cited references. Therefore, Applicants again respectfully request that these rejections be withdrawn.

Claims 13, 14, and 17 stand rejected on the ground of non-statutory obvious type double patenting over claim 2 of U.S. Patent No. 6,285,115 in view of Sims et al. In addition, claims 13-22 and 27-35 stand rejected on the ground of non-statutory obvious-type double patenting over claim 2 of U.S. Patent 6,285,115 in view of Sims et al. and Irokawa et al. Since, again, neither Sims et al. nor Irokawa et al. actually teach what the office action asserts, these rejections are not well made and should be withdrawn. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the obvious-type double patenting rejections be withdrawn since they are flatly not supported by what the cited references actually teach. Nevertheless, if these rejections are not withdrawn, they should be made final so that this application can proceed to appeal so the Board can see how far from the mandates of the MPEP and the case law that the examination of this application has gone astray.

Applicants continue to believe that this application is conditioned for allowance of claims 13-35. However, if the Examiner believes that some minor additional clarification would put this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at (812) 333-5355 in order to hasten the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully Submitted

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